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TAGS: PARM, MBFR

SUBJECT: BRITISH REQUEST US-UK BILATERAL MEETING ON  
MBFR VERIFICATION

REF: STATE 016629

1.DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION JAN.23 ON VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS,  
TERENCE WOOD, CHIEF WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL IN FCO FOR  
MBFR, OFFICIALLY REQUESTED BILATERAL US-UK TALKS ON MBFR  
VERIFICATION AND SUGGESTED LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH  
FOR THE MEETING. HE DID NOT PROPOSE A VENUE, BUT, WHEN  
ASKED, OBSERVED THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE ALWAYS  
PLEASED TO VISIT WASHINGTON. WOOD NOTED HE WAS AWARE,  
THROUGH GERMANS, OF US-FRG EXCHANGES ON VERIFICATION IS-  
SUES AND THOUGHT BRITISH COULD CONTRIBUTE PRODUCTIVELY TO  
THIS DIALOGUE BEFORE US REACHES FINAL AGREEMENT WITH FRG  
AND LAUNCHES SUBJECT AT NATO. IF WASHINGTON BELIEVES US-  
UK BILATERAL WOULD BE USEFUL, WOOD SAID HMG WOULD PUT  
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FORWARD A SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION. IN THIS RE-

GARD, HE EMPHASIZED BRITISH HAVE IN MIND TALKS WITH WORK-  
ING-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON MBFR COMMUNITY AND NOT  
WITH TECHNICAL EXPERTS.

2. HMG NOW IN MIDST OF GENERAL INTERNAL REVIEW OF SPECIF-  
IC MBFR VERIFICATION ISSUES. A BILATERAL WITH BRITISH ON  
THIS SUBJECT IN ADVANCE OF ALLIANCE DISCUSSIONS WOULD EN-  
ABLE US TO PROFIT FROM UK ANALYSIS AND REDUCE POS-  
SIBILITY BRITISH WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY RAISE QUESTIONS IN  
NATO RE US-FRG UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH DEVELOP OUT OF CURRENT  
BONN-WASHINGTON TALKS. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT WE  
AGREE TO A US-UK BILATERAL MEETING ON MBFR VERIFICATION,  
IN WASHINGTON, IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH. PLEASE  
ADVISE. SPIEPS

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